GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the percentage of total expenditure on education being incurred on the elementary education has been falling since the Fifth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action for increasing the total expenditure on education particularly primary education in terms of percentage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Government stand committed to Universalisation of Elementary Education; and, it has been the constant endeavour to raise the allocation for education, subject to availability of resources and other competing priorities. The allocation for the education sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan is Rs.42850 crore which is 72% higher than the allocation of Rs.24908.38 crore in the Ninth Five Year Plan. The share of Elementary Education in the Tenth Plan is Rs.28750 crore (67.09%).